

House Resolution 288

By: Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jones of the 167th, Spencer of the 180th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the College of Coastal Georgia, recognizing March 3, 2015, as College of
2 Coastal Georgia Day at the Capitol, and inviting its faculty, staff, and students to be
3 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the College of Coastal Georgia provides an exemplary, affordable baccalaureate
5 education in the natural beauty and sunshine of coastal Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, building upon more than half a century of service, the college is becoming a
7 significant and successful force to educate, enrich, engage, and economically enhance the
8 coastal region and the state as a whole; and

9 WHEREAS, the college was established by the Board of Regents of the University System
10 of Georgia in 1961, and it opened its doors in 1964 after the citizens of Brunswick and Glynn
11 County provided a \$1 million bond issue for the construction of buildings and purchase of
12 the beautiful 193-acre campus; and

13 WHEREAS, the college offered both associate programs in higher education and
14 postsecondary technical and adult programs from the 1980s until 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents authorized an off-campus center to serve Camden County
16 residents in 1992, and classes began at the former Kingsland Elementary School in 1993 until
17 a new permanent facility, the Camden Center, was opened in 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, the College of Coastal Georgia was approved by SACSCOC to offer four-year
19 baccalaureate degree programs in December, 2008, and with this advancement the college
20 plans to enroll 6,000 students by 2020; and

21 WHEREAS, the college has updated its campus with new and redesigned academic facilities;
22 an academic quadrangle with a central pedestrian mall; on-campus student housing; and a

23 new 50,000-square-foot campus center that holds full dining facilities, student gathering
24 spaces, the Stembler Theater, and a bookstore, coffee shop, and health center; and

25 WHEREAS, the college is offering new degree programs, a comprehensive service learning
26 initiative, and active engagement with community partners to promote conservation and
27 economic development; and

28 WHEREAS, new athletic teams, such as the men's golf team, which was the 2014 national
29 championship winner; new student organizations; and new outreach efforts are evident across
30 this beautiful campus; and

31 WHEREAS, the campus is surrounded by gorgeous local geography that includes the
32 beautiful beaches on the Atlantic Ocean, barrier islands, saltwater marshes, famous golf
33 courses, award-winning resorts, world-class fishing, national monuments, popular state
34 parks, nature preserves, historic cities, and quaint villages; and

35 WHEREAS, the College of Coastal Georgia provides an affordable, outstanding education
36 for tomorrow's leaders and citizens through service learning, global awareness, and engaged
37 entrepreneurship.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body commend the College of Coastal Georgia, recognize March 3,
40 2015, as College of Coastal Georgia Day at the Capitol, and invite its faculty, staff, and
41 students to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be
42 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 College of Coastal Georgia.